

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to Claims 17-20. Reconsideration of the application is now respectfully requested based on the Amendment and Remarks, *infra*. Claims 1-16 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to obtain rapid allowance of the most clearly allowable subject matter. Claims 17-20 are pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Raikar et al., U.S Patent 7,228,564. Claims 1-16 are cancelled by this amendment and the rejection of Claims 1-16 is thereby moot. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection under this code section.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendment and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. This response is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2007. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending Claims are in a condition for allowance, and such notice is hereby earnestly solicited. If a telephone conference would expedite any further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

No fee is believed due, however, the Director is authorized to charge any extension of time fee, and any additional fee that may be due as a result of filing this paper to Deposit Account No. 09-0447 of IBM Corporation.

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